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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NAME
SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear (SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT),

As the 2008 national election rapidly approaches, I am inviting you to participate in an opportunity that will be of great benefit to your students and the State of Louisiana. This fall, students across the nation will learn about the democratic process when they cast their votes in a statewide presidential Mock Election. This effort will promote critical thinking, historical awareness and active participation in our democratic process. My hope is that the Mock Election will inspire students to be lifelong voters, increasing the voter turnout for future generations. I encourage you to involve your parish in this hands-on learning experience under the guidance of your school district and with the support of my office and Cox Communications.

My office will work closely with school administrators and teachers to plan and support local Mock Election activities, which can be tailored to your district's needs. The effort can focus on the vote or include a full-fledged mock campaign with debates, town hall meetings and voter registration drives. Then, on Oct. 30, one male and one female high school student of your choosing from your district will convene at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge along with other students from throughout the state to celebrate the Mock Election.

Accompanying this letter is a school coordinator information packet and a brochure that gives general information about the Mock Election.

If you need more information go to www.GeauxVote.com and click on the Mock Election link. You may also call the Outreach Division at 225.342.4479 if you have any other questions. Thank you for encouraging students to participate in this fantastic opportunity.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Dardenne", written over a circular line.

Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State